

REDS IN ACTION

'Respectable,' But Subversive

ALLEN DULLES, brother of the Secretary of State and head of the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency, recently asserted in a speech in Philadelphia that despite efforts by Communist parties around the globe to gain respectability, subversion and naked force are still listed as tools to be used by Communies when circumstances call for it.

At present, says Dulles, the Communists are working to infiltrate our free legislative systems, to take over parliamentary governments, and to use the freedom which our system of government gives to destroy all vestiges of that system."

Recent investigations of Communist activity in the United States by the Senate Internal Security Committee reveal that U. S. Reds are still taking full advantage of the Fifth Amendment to cover up treasonous acts. That is one of our freedoms they are using to work for the destruction of our democratic form of government. The Communist Daily Worker, recently seized by Internal Revenue agents for failing to pay taxes, is now operating again after having paid its tax debt. Another of our freedoms—freedom of the press—which is being used against us.

Mr. Dulles added: "There will be no abandonment of the use of strikes and such forceful tactics, especially through labor unions. Since the end of the war, they (the Communists) have ruled with an iron hand the largest labor unions in

France and Italy, and have influence in other countries."

It is theorized now that possibly a Communist labor racketeer threw acid in the eyes of the courageous labor columnist, Victor Riesel, in this country. Certainly that is in character in Communist activity.

"They have shown great ability," Mr. Dulles said, "to foment strikes for political Communist ends in countries where their parliamentary representation is non-existent or negligible, as, for example, recent strikes in the Scandinavian countries, and even the 1954 dock strike in England bore the marks of Communist initiative and control. Even in the United States we are not immune to this type of sinister Communist penetration."

The Communists work differently in different countries, Mr. Dulles pointed out. In parliamentary countries, the "socialist front" idea is used. The Reds try to link themselves with leftist groups and then seek control of all the leftists. In countries where the Communist parties are illegal, he said, they must work underground and through the more obvious fellow-traveling front organizations. By getting a pink organization to support their work, or a part of it, they keep their movement going.

Obviously the American people should remain alert and vigilant to all the tricks and wiles of the Communist party in this country. The party has been pretty well stymied by legal blockades, but it has by no means been eliminated.